

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 25, lines 13-21 with the following amended paragraph:

(3) In the searching and identifying process, the matching between the inputted points and the dictionary points is checked while moving the reference position parallel in the horizontal direction at a fixed width and, subsequently, moving it parallel in the ~~horizontal-vertical~~ direction. In the similarity registering process, similarity obtained by the identification every rotational angle set in step 500 is obtained and this similarity and the rotational angle are registered (steps 501 and 502).